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Minutes, Mar.10

VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2010 MEETING

In attendance: Juli Brazile, Andrew Fischer, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Josh Lobel, Gail McCormick.

- The **minutes** of the January meeting were accepted as presented. There are no minutes for February as the meeting was canceled due to weather.
- **Census surveys:** Over 4700 replies received so far, a more than 20% return rate.
- Replies received after the March 15 deadline will not be tallied but sign-ups for **task groups** will still be collected. Those received on paper have already been distributed to task group chairs; Josh is handling those received via Survey Monkey. The biggest sign-up is for Sustainable Arlington. There is also much interest in Education, which has no current task group because other groups like Stand for Children are active, but an Education task group should be re-started.
- Josh reported that some 200 people attended a **school budget** meeting last night, showing much support for preserving art, music, and Metco despite a \$3.5 million budget gap.
- The Finance Committee approved the warrant article for \$15,000 for the **waterbodies** fund.
- **Coming events:**
 - March 21, 2:30 p.m., Robbins Library Community Room: Workshop with botanist Frances Clark on lake edge management.
 - March 25, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Auditorium: Candidates' Night, co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters. (No warrant review.)
 - April 8, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Town Hall Auditorium: Job Fair sponsored by Diversity Task Group.
 - May 2, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Town Hall Auditorium: Eco Fest with speakers and vendors.
 - May 8, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Spy Pond "Trails Day" working along the Rt. 2 path.
 - Standing Committee's year-end event (June): Date and place to be determined. Cooke's Hollow has been suggested; additional suggestions should be sent to Jane or Joey.
- The **Town election** will be held April 10. **Town Meeting** starts April 26; Diane Mahan (incoming chair of Selectmen) will give the State of the Town address.
- The meeting ended with a presentation by Josh of some preliminary **results** from the census survey. They will be reported to the March 22 Selectmen's meeting, and to Town Meeting members via a handout at Town Meeting.

(P.S. It should have been announced at this meeting that the extension to Arlington's Open Space Plan has been approved, so that we now have a plan for 2007-2014.)